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Prime Minister and company receives FIFA Cup in Aruba

Saturday was A historic day for Aruba as it was the very first time that the most important sport trophy in the

world, the FIFA World Cup, arrived on Aruba. From very early a large group of invitees as well as the press and a large group of citizens were at the Aviation Terminal to receive the cup. The cup travelled from Curacao on a special Coca Cola airplane, one of the official supporters of the World Cup in football.

Among the invitees were the Governor of Aruba, Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, Minister of Public Health Alex Schwengle and President of AVB Richard Dijkhoff

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## US-Saudi ties enduring, but differences on Syria: Kerry



ARABIA, Riyadh : U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal (R) talk during a joint press conference November 4, 2013 in Riyadh. Kerry said the United States agrees with Saudi Arabia on Syria, adding Washington will "not stand idly" as Damascus continues to attack its own people. (AFP PHOTO)

RIYADH (AFP) - Secretary of State John Kerry insisted Monday that US ties with Saudi Arabia are "strategic and enduring", even as differences on Syria remained after a visit aimed at easing tension.

The top US diplomat was hastily dispatched to Riyadh to patch things up after rare complaints from Riyadh over Washington's policies on Syria and Iran.

"Our relationship is strategic, it is enduring and it covers a wide range" of issues, he told reporters as he wound up a visit, including a two-hour meeting with King Abdullah.

He insisted the two allies agreed on the "goal in Syria".

"There is no difference in our mutually agreed upon goal in Syria," Kerry told a joint news conference with his Saudi counterpart, Prince Saud al-Faisal.

He insisted Washington "will not stand idly by as (Syrian President Bashar al-) Assad continues to use weapons" against his own people.

But Prince Saud, while stressing the strength of ties with the United States, slammed the "international community's failure to stop the war against the Syrian people".

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In their traditional manner the Fire Department spouted water on the airplane giving in this manner the crew and passengers a warm welcome to our island. The ceremony continued with different dance groups performing for the invitees. A few government officials were allowed on the aircraft to meet with executives of FIFA and Coca Cola. The Prime Minister had the honor of being one of the first to see the FIFA CUP. This was followed with official discourses by representatives of FIFA.

AVB President, Dijkhoff also spoke, Marketing Manager of Tropical Bottling Company, Vanessa Hollander and Minister of Sports, Alex Schwengle also had words to share. Schwengle explained that he was impressed to see



the CUP for the first time. It is a great honor for Aruba to receive the world cup.

The FIFA CUP travels around the world with the protection of executives of the FBI, also during the visit to Aruba.

## Cruise Tourism with 68.1% increase for October

Cruise Calls October 2013	Pax	Crew	Calls
Oct-13	44,404	19,095	24
Oct-12	26,405	813	18
Difference	17,999	12,571	6
Increase in %	68.17	51.90	33.33

YTD October 2013	Pax	Crew	Calls
YTD Oct-13	523,783	210,636	274
YTD Oct-12	417,801	166,793	210
Difference	105,982	43,843	64
Increase in %	25.4	26.3	30.5

ORANJESTAD -- The government has received the grateful news of the figures for October with respect to our cruise tourism. Cruise tourism has seen an increase of 68.1% for the month of October compared to the figures of October 2012. This entails an increase of 17,999 cruise passengers, reaching a total of 44,404 visitors coming to Aruba on cruises.

These figures are extremely positive and indicates the work of all partners involved. According to a study done by the University of Aruba, every visitor leaves about 120 to 170 dollars into our economy. With respect to 2013 they anticipate that we will have 100 thousand additional cruise visitors which represents 30 million extra into our economy.

The increase is not only in cruise visitors. Cruise crew has also increased in October with 51.90% which represents 12,571 cruise crew more than in October 2012. Also, the number of port calls have increased to 6 and increasing to 18 to 24 calls.

Our island has seen an increase for the first 10 months of the year of 25.4% in cruise visitors and an increase of 26.3% in cruise crew compared to last year. The number of calls also increased by 274 which is an increase of 30.5%.

The Minister of Tourism is obviously very pleased with these results. He assured us that this trend will continue together with our partners this will continue. He ceased the moment to also congratulate everyone who works in the field and who makes these achievements possible.



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ARUBA is proud of XANDER BOGAERTS

## Aruba Tourism Authority launches 'Aruba One Happy Nation' slogan



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ORANJESTAD -- Aruba is very proud of our local son, Xander Bogaerts who put Aruba in history with his great accomplishments playing for the Boston Red Sox baseball team in the USA.

Xander helped make history with the win of the series, giving all fans of the Boston Red Sox the opportunity to enjoy their achievement with, among others their victory parade in the

center of the city of Boston. Obviously, ATA could not let this opportunity pass without being in Boston and together with Xander. From the moment that the Red Sox won the series, ATA launched different programs under the caption... "Aruba One Happy Nation." Bogaerts is the fifth Aruban who went all the way to the majors in this particular sport, but the first to play and win a series. This is not only a great victory for the Boston Red Sox, but the first in history because it is the first win for the Red Sox in their very own stadium, Fenway Park. It is also historic because Xander is the youngest player ever in the World Series and to achieve the title champion of the World Series.

Now that the Boston Red Sox have won, Aruba is very proud of this unique achievement of Xander Bogaerts. Aruba has prepared for his arrival with a lot of fanfare. Xander arrived back on his native island on Sunday, November 3rd.

In addition to the celebration, ATA has prepared different promotional activities in Boston under the cover... "Aruba One Happy Nation." Boston is the second largest market for Aruba's tourism in the USA. For this reason as Aruba is the most beloved island in the Caribbean in Boston, ATA placed a large advertisement in the center page of the most read newspaper in Boston, the "Boston Metro." The ad gave congratulations to Xander and to the city of Boston. This ad appeared last Friday in the "Boston Metro" which has a circulation of more than 150.000 readers. This is a free newspaper that reaches the majority of citizens in the city. The ad read as follows... "One happy nation. From the happy island of Aruba, congratulations to our hometown hero, Xander Bogaerts, the entire team, and Boston fans everywhere for an incredible season. Give Xander your congrats at [aruba.com/onehappynation](http://aruba.com/onehappynation)."

This illustrates the method used in all other media, among others the social network where the ATA team invited visitors and locals to share their joy with messages congratulating Aruba on

[aruba.com/onehappyisland](http://aruba.com/onehappyisland) and/or [onehappynation](http://onehappynation). They also sent emails for all Aruba's ambassadors ('Honorary Ambassadors of ATA) in the Boston area, inviting them to share the joy with us. ATA also had a team in Boston during the victory parade taking pictures of "Happy Aruba Fans" and sending these in 'real time' to all social networks.

Aruba also sent out various press releases which received a lot of attention and covered more than 330 stories online with approximately 325 million impressions. Some of the publications who covered Aruba's story were Boston.com; Herald online, Yahoo News, etc.

Xander proved himself in the US as one of those who took the Boston Red Sox to victory, he has also become a national hero here in his own country, Aruba.

Aruba Tourism Authority will continue their contacts with the Boston Red Sox Corporate and will definitely interchange ideas with Xander Bogaerts to maintain Aruba's line with Xander in the Boston/US market.

Photo shows some of the scenes of Xander's arrival and the lovely ad in the Boston Metro newspaper.

## Cas Animal Cont'd

### The Cabana family welcomes their newest member "Lola" of Aruba



The trip to the U.S.



Lola happy in her new home



Taking a nap

ORANJESTAD -- The Cas Animal Foundation is dedicated to rescuing dogs off Aruba's streets. No matter how badly injured or weak-

ened by disease, founder Kristen Arndt has discovered hundreds of times over that with proper medical care they can be rehabilitated to be a wonderful companion to a loving person. This is why she has made constructing Aruba's first strictly no-kill animal shelter on Aruba her mission in life. She dedicates all her time and has consigned all her assets to this goal.

The ultimate aim of Cas Animal is to see these abandoned and abused animals placed into a good home, and 2012 and 2013 have been highly successful in this regard. The latest two adopted puppies journeyed to Boston, where they were placed in loving environments.

Susan Cabana, who took one of the dogs, a sweet young puppy temporarily named "Pachi" was kind enough to send photos of the puppy's journey and informed Cas Animal that she is doing well.

"We have renamed her Lola," Susan tells us. "It was going to be Chloe but when people on the plane learned that our last name is Cabana, they talked us into Lola (a.k.a. the showgirl from the Copacabana!). I really like

Lola better than Chloe now."

"She didn't make a peep on the plane and the first night she slept on the floor in our bedroom without a whimper. We got a crate the next day and she has slept in it, in our bedroom, ever since. She doesn't cry or want to get out during the night, even when sometimes I or Andre have to get up in the middle of the night."

"She is eating great and losing her baby teeth. She is a great puppy and we cannot get over how calm she is. She has lots of toys that she plays with and we took her to the vet yesterday to get her shots and full checkup. She has Ehrlichia, (an infection of the white blood cells caused by ticks and easily treatable) so is on an antibiotic."

"We love her to pieces."

Kirsten converted her home into a temporary sanctuary, until her dream facility is built, which can accommodate up to 250 dogs. She has many sweet loving animals in her care, deserving of good homes. Whether they are adopted or not, she continues to care for them and love them, despite lost limbs from accidents, or a missing eye, they have a happy life and the companionship they crave.

Anyone who may be interested in adopting can, even if you are not an island resident. Call Kirsten at 742-8732 and she will help you through the process of acquiring the papers and a carrier needed to take home one of our sweet, affectionate cunucu dogs, who make excellent watch dogs, too. As this story demonstrates, this is done regularly and many happy owners find great pleasure in being reminded every day of Aruba by the loving new members of their households.

The medical and feeding costs of the more than 50 dogs now in her care is never ending. Those wishing to support Kirsten's work with donations can do so in the form of payment to the Cas Animal Foundation account at the Contreras Veterinary Clinics, call; 587-0917, or to Animal Care Clinic in Paradera, phone number 582-8382. Donations can be made directly to the foundation's account: Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110. Kirsten maintains an animal ambulance, so also call her to report a dog in distress.

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## Princess Amalia elementary school opens Children's Book Week with a tremendous show



ORANJESTAD -- Early Monday morning elementary school Princess Amalia opened this year's Children's Book Week with a show of movement, as the theme of this year's Children's Book week is "Sports and Games."

Headmaster Teacher Mireya explained the importance of reading and also the combination of reading, game and sports.

This coming Wednesday Princess Amalia will be hosting their first reading aloud (story telling) evening which is part of the Book Week. During this evening there will be public figures in sports and education present to read to the children.

To close off the week of reading and movement there will be a walking activity on Saturday November 9th. The Walk will be leaving the Princess Amalia Elementary School at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Participation will be only Afl. 5. There will be different door prizes at the final. The whole family is invited to come along.

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# Club Kibrahacha 60+ enjoys a full week of activities organized interns Milagros and Abisha



ORANJESTAD – Recently, islanders 60 years and older, enjoyed a week of activities organized by two EPI Welfare Sector interns, Milagros Luidens and Abisha Chai. The two young ladies put to-

gether an extensive program with a variety of fun games and quiz contests to stimulate and delight the club members.

The activities were:

**Dance fit (2x):** Participants enjoyed a session of dance fit under the expert guidance of Mr. Wim Ras, where they had tons of fun while learning to dance and stay fit.

**Game Day:** Club members participated in a choice of table games, among them dominoes, a particular island favorite. Here it was the turn of the interns to get a lesson from the masters on how to play dominoes.

**Flash Back Aruba:** A memory game where members must guess the names of places on the island by their description.

**Day trip to the Las Americas Art Gallery:** Club members enjoyed a pleasant morning admiring the creativity of local and international artists on display at the Oranjestad Gallery. They declared it a very inspiring experience.

**Educational workshop on foot care and nail painting:** Representatives of shoe shop Footfit gave important information on the necessity of diligent and proper foot care. Afterwards, participants enjoyed a relaxing session painting nails.

**Handicrafts:** Participants enjoyed making a penguin from plastic soda bottles. This activity, apart from stimulating the creativity and

motor function of the participants, was also an excellent example of unique ways to use recycled material. Club Kibrahacha 60+ has for quite some time participated in recycling programs to stimulate and raise awareness among its members.

**Caha di Orgel (Organ Grinder):** Mr. Nelson Sprok entertained all present with his music. The session was supposed to last one hour, but club members so enthusiastically requested encores of Mr. Sprok, the session lasted for three hours. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely dancing and moving, which is a great way to exercise while having fun.

**Quiz "Recordar es vivir" – "To remember is to live":** Participants had to guess who were the individuals depicted in several photos. The photos were of different club members and volunteers, when they were quite a bit younger.

A very entertaining morning for all, where many memories surfaced, stimulating the desire to continue looking at photos from the past.

And last but not least, a farewell party was conducted for the young interns, where everyone had a blast. Club Kibrahacha 60+ members thanked Mila and Abisha for a very entertaining and informative week, sadly bidding them goodbye. The two ladies assured them that they will visit them as soon as they could.



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# Defiant Morsi tells Egypt court to try 'coup' leaders



CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt's deposed president Mohamed Morsi appeared in court Monday on the first day of his trial for incitement to murder, rejecting its legitimacy and demanding that "coup" leaders be prosecuted.

In his first public appearance since the military toppled him in July, Morsi was indignant and outraged in the makeshift courtroom at a police academy in east Cairo, where his trial was adjourned until January 8.

"I am Dr Mohamed Morsi, the president of the republic," the defiant Islamist told the court.

In the nearly three-hour hearing the judge heard requests from the defendants' lawyers, who demanded to see all the case files and be allowed to meet their clients privately.

Morsi, held at a secret location since July 3, was then flown to Borg al-Arab prison outside Egypt's second city,

Alexandria.

He and 14 co-defendants are accused of inciting violence and the murder of protesters outside the presidential palace in December, charges that could lead to the death penalty or life in prison.

The Islamist leader branded as criminal his overthrow after mass protests against his single year of turbulent rule.

"This was a military coup. The leaders of the coup should be tried. A coup is treason and a crime."

"I cannot accept for the judiciary to become a cover for the military coup," he yelled. "I am here involuntarily, and through force."

Morsi, wearing a dark blue suit, was brought by helicopter and then driven to the heavily fortified police academy.

State television showed Morsi smiling as he stepped out of a white van, buttoning

his blue blazer and entering the dock to applause from fellow defendants in white prison uniforms.

Judge Ahmed Sabry Youssef banned cameras and recording equipment.

Morsi's supporters, battered by a bloody and sweeping police crackdown, accuse the army-installed government of fabricating the charges against him.

They staged anti-military rallies across Cairo, including outside the police academy where dozens brandished posters of Morsi and signs bearing anti-military messages.

Thousands also protested outside the constitutional court and some rallies were held in Alexandria.

Morsi's trial is seen as a test for the new authorities, who have been accused of heavy-handedness.

With more than 1,000 people killed since Morsi's overthrow and thousands of Islamists arrested, hopes for a political settlement are slim.

"Morsi's insistence that he is still the legitimate president shows that he and most of the Muslim Brotherhood is not ready to give up their legitimacy claim," said Shadi Hamid of the Brookings Doha Center think-tank.

"Their stand is detached from the reality, but their defiance is noteworthy and could keep supporters energised."

## Accord eludes Colombia peace negotiators

HAVANA (AFP) - Negotiators in Colombian peace talks here struggled Monday to clinch an agreement on how to reintegrate the FARC guerrilla group into the country's political life.

Government and rebel negotiators worked through the weekend in hopes of resolving the issue, but agreement remained elusive.

A FARC delegate, Rodrigo Granda, told reporters that the sides were still hard at work.

"We are advancing, and we have advanced a lot," he said.

After nearly a year of talks in Havana, negotiators have reached agreement on only one of five agenda points -- how to approach land reform and rural development issues that lie at the root of Latin America's longest insurgency.

The current negotiating session was supposed to have concluded last Thursday, but the sides decided to extend it through the weekend in hopes of wrapping up the second agenda point: the return to political life of the leftist guerrilla group.

The government delegation headed by former vice president Humberto de la Calle made no comments to the press here.

President Juan Manuel Santos, who is running for re-election in 2014, has urged the FARC to accelerate the talks, stressing the need for progress.

Four previous attempts at a negotiated settlement of the near 50-year-old insurgency failed.

The FARC, which is estimated to have about 8,000 fighters under arms, has been fighting the state since 1964.

## UN warns of major rise in Syria war homeless

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - The United Nations warned Monday of a major rise in homeless numbers in Syria, and called for greater UN Security Council pressure to seek access to the war-stricken nation.

UN humanitarian chief Valerie Amos told the council that 9.3 million people now need outside help to survive, up from 6.8 million in September, and 6.5 million are now homeless inside the country, up from 4.25 million.

The United Nations estimates more than 2.2 million people have fled to neighboring countries and the figure will be above three million by the end of the year.

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Negotiations to solve any crisis "shouldn't just go on indefinitely", he said in reference to a US-Russian proposed peace conference.

He insisted that some "grave issues desperately need decisive and resolute intervention that should put an end to the human tragedies they produced".

Saudi Arabia expressed anger after US President Barack Obama stepped back after threatening a punitive strike against Syria over a chemical attack in August on a rebel-held district near Damascus.

Kerry reiterated that Washington opposes military

intervention to end the 31-month conflict.

"Absent a negotiated solution we don't see a lot of ways to end the violence that are implementable or palatable to us, because we don't have the legal authority, or the justification or the desire at this point to get in the middle of a civil war," he said.

"I think that's been made very, very clear," he added.

"Our hope is we can bring the parties together. It won't be the first very complicated conflict, where very emotional highly separate entities are brought together by an international community and ultimately find their way forward," he said.

## US politician comes out, asks 'why should it matter?'

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - A US politician running for governor in the northeastern state of Maine came out as gay Monday, seeking to silence rumors and ask why it should matter.

Democratic Congressman Mike Michaud, 58, would be the first openly gay politician to be elected governor in the United States if he wins the 2014 vote.

He is running against Maine's Republican Governor Paul LePage, who is seeking a second term.

In an opinion piece pub-

lished in the Bangor Daily News and the Portland Press Herald, Michaud tackled head on "the whisper campaigns, insinuations and push-polls" about his personal life.

"They want people to question whether I am gay. Allow me to save them the trouble with a simple, honest answer: 'Yes, I am. But why should it matter?'"

He said his sexuality had nothing to do with his ability to lead the state of Maine and said he hoped that his disclosure could advance gay rights.



UNITED STATES, New York : New York City Democratic mayoral candidate Bill de Blasio (L) talks with a supporter as he campaigns in the Queens borough of New York November 4, 2013. AFP PHOTO



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## Memorial service for Dutch prince



THE HAGUE (AFP) - Desmond Tutu, Kofi Annan and Bono attended a private ceremony on Saturday in memory of Dutch Prince Friso, who died in August after failing to recover from a skiing accident, local media reported.

The ceremony took place in the Oude Kerk church in Delft, where the prince in April 2004 married Mabel Wisse Smit in defiance of parliament, a union which cost him his claim to the throne.

Others among the 900 or so guests at the memorial included Prince Haakon of Norway and Mark Rutte, prime minister of the Netherlands.

The second son of former queen Beatrix, Friso died on August 12 aged 44 from injuries sustained in a skiing ac-

cident that occurred in Austria in 2012 when he was caught in an avalanche.

He was buried on August 16 at his mother's castle in the small village of Lage Vuursche, 30 kilometres (18 miles) southeast of Amsterdam.

Prince Friso was the first for several generations not to be buried at the Nieuwe Kerk (New Church) in Delft, where most members of the Dutch royal family are buried.

His marriage was not authorised by the parliament, as it has to be according to the constitution, because his wife had hidden a previous relationship with a Dutch drug baron.

Earlier this year Beatrix announced her abdication in favour of her eldest son, Willem-Alexander.

## Court impounds houses of Spanish king's son-in-law

MADRID (AFP) - A court on Monday impounded a luxury villa and other properties belonging to the son-in-law of Spanish King Juan Carlos in a corruption case that has embarrassed the royal family.

The court in Mallorca ordered the seizure of properties owned by Inaki Urdangarin, husband of the king's daughter Cristina, to cover a 6.1 million euro (\$8.2 million) bond for his liability in the case, it said in a written ruling.

The court is investigating accusations that Urdangarin, an ex-Olympic handball player, and his former business partner Diego Torres embezzled six million euros in public funds.

The money was allegedly

placed in the non-profit Noos Institute, which Urdangarin chaired from 2004 to 2006 and of which Cristina was a board member, for it to organise sports events.

In a separate case, the judge investigating the allegations, Jose Castro, has also ordered the tax office to examine Cristina's financial affairs.

The three deny any wrongdoing and have not been formally charged with any crime. Cristina is not a formal suspect in the so-called Noos case.

The scandal has nevertheless plunged Juan Carlos's family into its worst popularity crisis in his nearly four-decade reign, sharpening scrutiny of the royals as Spain suffers from five years of economic

## India reaches for Mars on prestige space mission

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India began a countdown Sunday to the launch of its most ambitious and risky space mission to date, sending a probe to Mars which was conceived in just 15 months on a tiny budget.

After a recent Chinese attempt flopped, India is seeking to make a statement of its technological prowess by becoming the first Asian power to reach the Red Planet more than 200 million kilometres (124 million miles) away.

An unmanned probe, weighing 1.35 tonnes and about the size of a large refrigerator, will leave earth strapped to an Indian rocket which is set to blast off from the south-east coast this afternoon.

Wrapped in a golden film, the orbiter will carry advanced sensors to measure the Martian atmosphere, hoping to detect traces of methane which could help prove the existence of some sort of primitive life form.

Success would be a source of national pride for Indians, whose 2008 unmanned mission to the moon helped prove the existence of water in another leap forward, 39 years after Neil Armstrong set foot there.

The United States is the only nation that has successfully sent robotic explorers to land on Mars, the most recent being Curiosity, a nearly one-tonne vehicle which touched down in August 2012.

turmoil.

The list of homes, garages and other buildings detailed in Monday's ruling included Urdangarin's share of a luxury villa which he owns with Cristina in Barcelona.

It also included properties of companies owned by the couple and Torres and was aimed at covering the court bond imposed on both men.

Juan Carlos won respect for his role in Spain's transition to democracy after the death of the dictator Francisco Franco in 1975.

But the Noos scandal, which erupted in late 2011, has since combined with his health problems to raise debate about the king's future.



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## Saudi begins clampdown on illegal foreigners

RIYADH (AFP) - Saudi authorities began Monday a clampdown on illegal immigrants after the end of an amnesty that gave overstayers and workers a grace period to leave or legalise their status.

Police patrols will be searching for illegally-staying foreigners and those who help them, interior ministry spokesman General Mansur al-Turki said late Sunday.

Violators will be arrested, penalised and deported, he said.

Nearly a million Bangladeshis, Filipinos, Indians, Nepalis, Pakistanis and Yemenis, among others, have taken advantage of the three-month amnesty -- announced on April 3 and then extended for four months -- and left the country.

Another roughly four million have legalised their situation by finding employers to sponsor them, a must to reside in most Gulf monarchies.

Foreigners desperate to work in the country were willing to pay for sponsorship, and sponsoring expatriates has become a lucrative business for

some Saudis.

But under the new rules, workers can be employed only by their own sponsors, banning the practice of working independently or for non-sponsors.

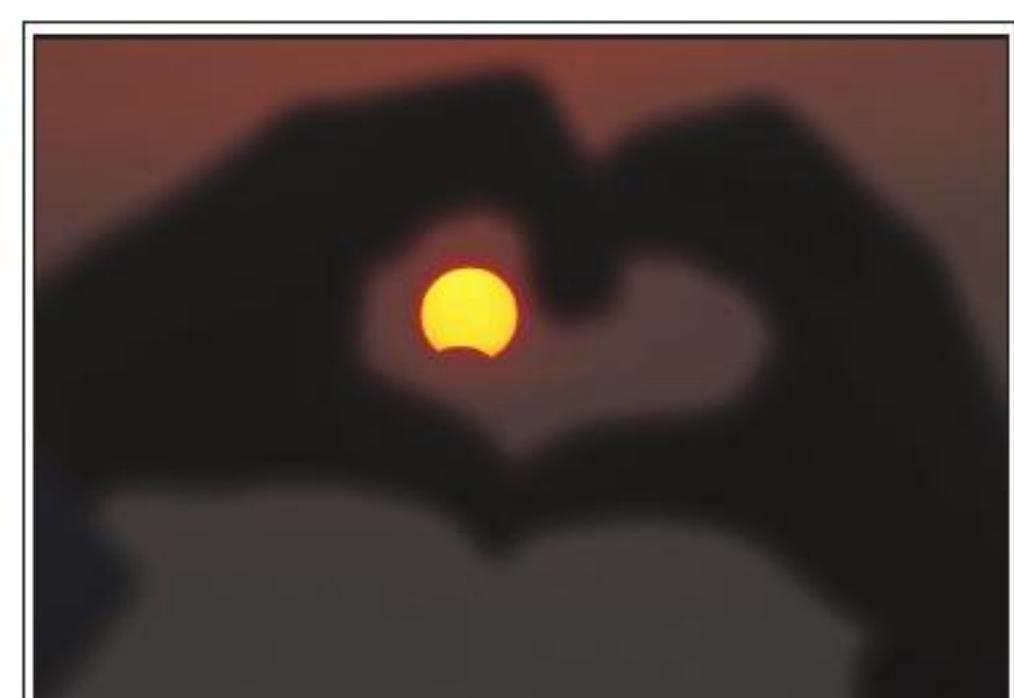
Thirty Filipino workers who returned home on Monday alleged they were abused in the process of leaving.

"They treated us like animals," said domestic helper Amor Roxas, 46, alleging that police placed them in crowded cells before they were taken to the airport.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, is seen as a goldmine for millions of people from Asia and elsewhere in the Arab world, who find work as common labourers, drivers, porters and house maids.

Expatriates account for around nine million of the country's 27-million-population.

Saudi Arabia has the Arab world's largest economy, but the unemployment rate among natives is above 12.5 percent, a figure the government is aiming to reduce.



KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - A Kuwaiti man makes the outline of a heart with his fingers to encompass a partially solar eclipse at Souq Sharq Marina in Kuwait City on Sunday, as a rare solar eclipse swept across parts of Africa, Europe and the United States as the moon blocks the sun either fully or partially, depending on the location.



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## Sleep helps brain stay fit by clearing waste

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The research in the journal Science offers new answers to explain why people spend a third of their lives asleep and may help in treating dementia and other neurological disorders.

In lab experiments on mice, researchers observed how cellular waste was flushed out via the brain's blood vessels into the body's circulatory system and eventually the liver.

These waste products in-

cluded amyloid beta, a protein that when accumulated is a driver of Alzheimer's disease.

In order to help remove the waste, cerebral spinal fluid is pumped through brain tissue.

The process is sped along

during sleep because the brain's cells shrink by about 60 percent, allowing the fluid to move faster and more freely through the brain.

The whole operation takes place in what researchers call the glymphatic system, which appears to be nearly 10 times more active during sleep than while awake.

**US makes experimental vaccine against childhood virus**

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US-funded scientists said Thursday they have devised an experimental vaccine against a common childhood illness called respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

There is currently no vaccine on the market for RSV, which is the world's second-leading killer of babies aged one month to one year, after malaria.

RSV causes inflammation in the small airways of the lungs and is the most common cause of pneumonia in babies and of hospitalization of children under five.

Planning is under way for human trials of the vaccine.



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## Mass spy programmes threaten freedom of expression: Snowden

BERLIN (AFP) - US intelligence leaker Edward Snowden says mass secret service surveillance poses a threat to freedom of expression and open society, in a text published in a German news magazine Sunday.

Snowden, who faces criminal charges in the US for leaking top-secret documents about the US National Security Agency's (NSA) activities, said systematic snooping was a global problem that needed global solutions.

"Such programmes are not only a threat to privacy, they threaten also freedom of expression and open societies," he wrote in the text which appeared in German in Der Spiegel magazine.

"The existence of espionage



technology must not determine politics," he said, adding there was a moral duty to see that laws and values limit surveillance programmes and protect human rights.

Entitled "A manifesto for the truth", the news weekly said the former NSA contractor wrote the piece on November 1 in Moscow and it was sent to Spiegel's offices via an encrypted channel.

Media reports based on Snowden's disclosures of widespread US surveillance -- including eavesdropping on nearly three dozen foreign leaders -- have strained Washington's ties with key allies.

"Anyone pronouncing the truth is committing no crime," Snowden wrote.

He also said that initially some governments who, he said, had felt "unmasked" by the spying revelations had initiated "an unprecedented persecution campaign" in a bid to quash debate.

But, he said, debate was now taking place worldwide.

German lawmaker Hans-Christian Stroebele, of the opposition Green party, met Snowden at a secret location in Moscow Thursday after leaked classified documents indicated that the NSA had tapped the phone of German Chancellor Angela Merkel for several years.

Stroebele told reporters in Berlin Friday that Snowden was willing to speak to the German authorities about the NSA's activities.

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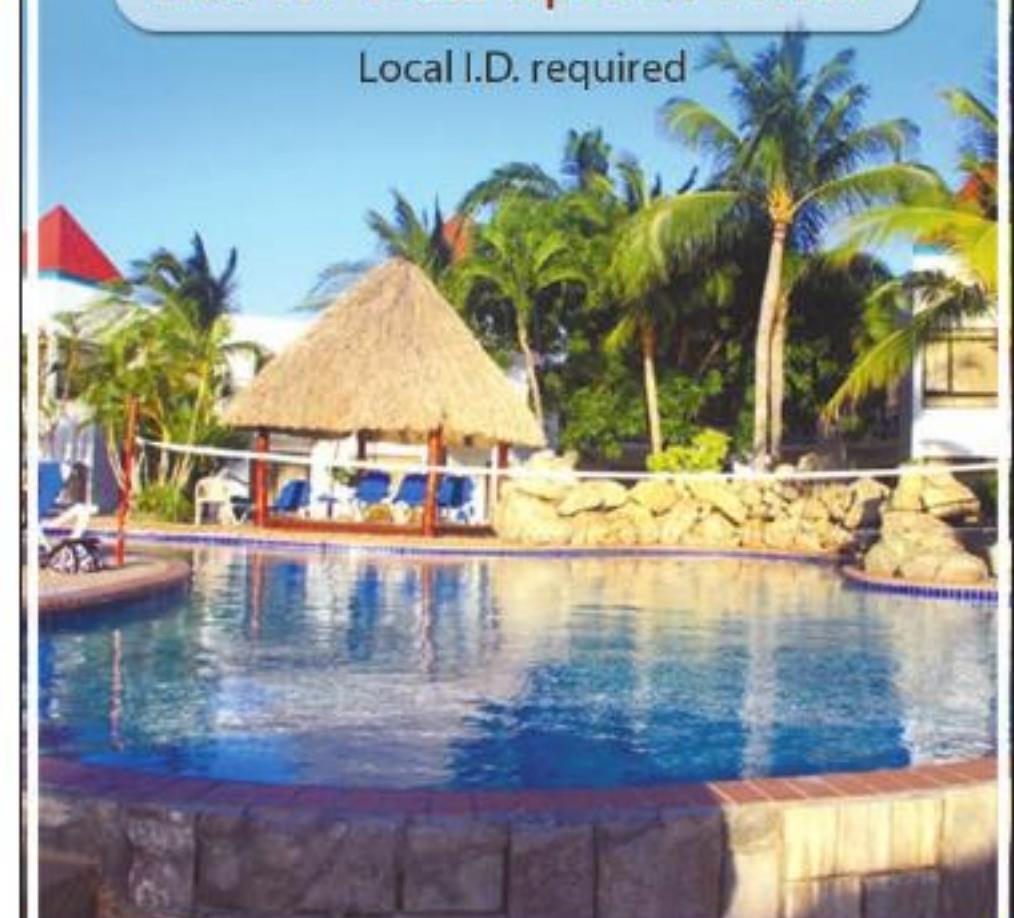
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## J&J fined \$2.2 bn for faulty drug claims, kickbacks

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Global health-care giant Johnson & Johnson will pay more than \$2.2 billion to settle allegations that it fraudulently promoted drugs and used kickbacks to promote their sales, the Justice Department said Monday.

In one of the largest health-care fraud settlements in US history, J&J's criminal and civil fine covers allegations the company marketed Risperdal and other prescription drugs for uses not approved as safe and effective by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the department said.

The settlement further covers kickbacks J&J allegedly paid to physicians and pharmacies for prescribing and promoting those drugs.

The actions resulted in millions of dollars paid under Medicaid, the government health-insurance program for low-income and disabled people, causing losses to both the federal and state governments.

J&J is to pay \$485 million in criminal fines and forfeiture and a total of \$1.72 billion in civil settlements with the federal government and states.

J&J unit Janssen Pharma-

ceuticals admitted it had promoted Risperdal for unapproved treatment of elderly dementia patients and will pay a total of \$400 million, including a criminal fine of \$334 million and forfeiture of \$66 million. Janssen's guilty plea requires approval by the US district court.

In separately filed civil complaints, the government alleged that J&J and Janssen promoted Risperdal and Invega, a newer antipsychotic drug, to doctors -- and to nursing homes -- as a way to control behavioral disturbances in elderly dementia patients, children, and the mentally disabled.

The civil settlement also resolves allegations that J&J and Janssen paid kickbacks to Omnicare, the nation's largest pharmacy specializing in dispensing drugs to nursing home patients.

In 2009, Omnicare paid \$98 million to resolve its civil liability for claims that it accepted kickbacks from J&J and Janssen.

In addition, the civil settlement announced Monday resolved allegations that J&J and another subsidiary, Scios, caused false claims to be submitted to federal health care programs for the heart failure drug Natrecor.

Scios allegedly marketed the drug for off-label uses. Intended for patients with severe heart failure, it was given to patients with less severe heart issues over weeks and months.

As part of the global settlement, J&J must undertake a major overhaul of its pharmaceutical business over five years supervised by the Health and Human Services inspector general.

## BlackBerry scraps search for buyer, ousts CEO

OTTAWA (AFP) - BlackBerry abandoned hopes of finding a buyer, and instead pegged its future on a \$1 billion cash infusion as it shook up top management Monday and named a new chief executive.

The Waterloo, Ontario-based company's announcement comes two and a half months after its largest shareholder Fairfax Financial Holdings Inc. offered to buy the rest of the business and take it private.

Fairfax instead will invest \$1 billion in a private placement, and Fairfax boss Prem Watsa will become lead director of BlackBerry.

BlackBerry chief executive Thorsten Heins meanwhile will step down after only 22 months on the job, and will be replaced on an interim basis by longtime technology executive John Chen, a statement said.

BlackBerry had announced in August after a dismal year that it was looking for a suitor, among other strategic options.

Social network Facebook, Chinese computer maker Lenovo and investment firm Cerberus backed by two BlackBerry founders as well as chip maker Qualcomm reportedly kicked the tires, but no deals were reached by Monday's deadline.

Chen, a former head of the software firm Sybase, said he looked forward to steering BlackBerry through its "turn-



around and business model transformation," but asked for patience.

The son of poor Hong Kong refugees, Chen attended elite American universities and reportedly foresaw the growth in mobile communications in the late 1990s. He positioned struggling database company Sybase as a leader selling business services in that market.

After turning Sybase around, he oversaw its sale to SAP AG for \$5.8 billion, and joined SAP until his retirement earlier this year.

Some analysts have said that BlackBerry has fallen so far behind competitors that its only hope is a breakup, which could salvage its software and services operations.

Most reaffirmed that viewpoint after the latest announcement.

"While the \$1 billion investment certainly helps, it's like putting a Band-Aid on a knife wound; by itself, it's not going to stop the bleeding," said An-

thonny Sabino, a business professor at St. John's University in New York.

"Sadly, the more likely prospect is BlackBerry being broken up into its constituent parts, and its more valuable assets, such as its patents and technologies, being sold off piecemeal."

BlackBerry shares tumbled more than 16.9 percent in afternoon trade, to \$6.46.

Others meanwhile sounded a more optimistic note, saying the new cash gives BlackBerry breathing room and a higher valuation should another suitor come forward, while also pegging hopes on Chen's track record as a turnaround artist.

BlackBerry helped create a culture of mobile users glued to smartphones, but lost its luster as many have since moved to iPhones or devices using Google's Android software.

In January, BlackBerry unveiled a new platform as it sought to regain lost momentum, but its most recent numbers suggest this has been a spectacular failure.

BlackBerry still has some 70 million subscribers worldwide, but most of these are using older handsets, with the newer devices on the BlackBerry 10 platform failing to gain traction.

In September, the company announced that it was laying off 4,500 staff -- or one third of its global workforce -- after losing \$965 million in its last quarter as sales plummeted.

## Twitter hikes IPO share price range

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Twitter boosted its public stock offering to as much as \$2 billion Monday, suggesting strong demand for its stock and a higher overall value for the one-to-many messaging platform.

The regulatory filing raises the share price for the popular messaging platform to a range of \$23 to \$25 from an earlier estimate of \$17 to \$20.

The new share price range would give Twitter a market value between \$12.76 billion and \$13.87 billion.

The higher value "says a lot about the success of the company's road show," said Paul Ausick of the stock market blog 24/7 Wall Street.

A date has not been set for initial public offering (IPO) of the big social network, but some reports say it could be as early as this week.

Shares will trade under the

symbol TWTR on the New York Stock Exchange.

Twitter is offering 70 million shares in most hotly anticipated IPOs since Facebook's last year. Investment banks have an option to sell an additional 10.5 million shares if demand warrants.

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# Pope wants to step up fight against modern slavery

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Pope Francis wants action against modern forms of slavery including forced labour and prostitution, the Vatican said Monday after a meeting of experts called by the pontiff to debate the problem.

Dozens of academics, doctors and clerics were hosted by the Vatican to discuss issues close to the pope's heart, including the struggle against organ trafficking and people smuggling.

"Some experts believe human trafficking will overtake drug and arms trafficking in a decade, becoming the most lucrative criminal activity in the world," Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo, chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, told reporters.

Sorondo said the pope was heavily invested in a subject he knows well from his years in Latin America and had even



invited two experts on human trafficking that he knows from Buenos Aires.

Further meetings are planned in 2014 and 2015.

Participants said one of the worst and most worrying forms of slavery in Latin America is the use of children and adoles-

cents as drug dealers.

Jose Maria Simon Castellvi, head of the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations, also stressed the importance of "zero tolerance" against prostitution saying it was linked to drugs, mafia violence and tax fraud.

## 'Ender's Game' tops N. American box office



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - "Ender's Game," Harrison Ford's science fiction return to the big screen, easily topped the North American Box Office on its debut weekend, according to preliminary figures released Sunday.

The film, which depicts a battle to save the human race from alien attack, took \$28 million in theaters, industry tracker Exhibitor Relations said, knocking wacky Jackass comedy "Bad Grandpa," (\$20.5 million) into second

place.

"Last Vegas," starring Michael Douglas, Robert De Niro, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Kline, on a bachelor party in Sin City, entered in third spot, taking \$16.5 million, with animated comedy "Free Birds," (\$16.2 million) in fourth.

"Gravity" -- with Oscar winners Sandra Bullock and George Clooney as astronauts adrift in space after a devastating accident -- scored \$13.1 million in fifth spot, taking its gross takings to \$219 million since its release.

"Captain Phillips," based on a true story and starring Tom Hanks as a cargo ship captain captured by Somali pirates, earned \$8.5 million.

Steve McQueen's "12 years a Slave" earned \$4.6 million between Friday and Sunday, jumping from last week's eighth place to seventh, edging out "Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs 2," which took \$4.2 million.

The reprise of "Carrie," the latest film adaptation of the Stephen King horror tale about an outcast schoolgirl out for revenge, earned \$3.4 million, falling to ninth from last week's sixth place.

"The Counselor" with Michael Fassbender, Penelope Cruz, Cameron Diaz, Javier Bardem and Brad Pitt, earned \$3.25 million but fell from fourth place to round out the top 10 on its second week in theaters.



HOLLYWOOD (AFP) - Siblings of the late Janis Joplin, Laura and Michael (sitting center), attend her posthumous Hollywood Star ceremony where Kris Kristofferson (back-sunglasses) performed "Me & Bobby McGee", on November 4, 2013 in Hollywood, California. Joplin, would have turned 70 years old this year and is the recipient of the 2,510th Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in the Category of Recording.



ORANJESTAD - The Morningnews Aruba faithful reader Linda Kock poses for a picture with Jair Bogaerts.

## Katy Perry the new queen of Twitter



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Pop star Katy Perry has overtaken Justin Bieber as the most followed person on Twitter.

The latest figures Monday showed 46,534,966 followers for the singer best known for hit songs such as "Teenage Dream," "California Gurls," and "I Kissed a Girl."

That overtook the number of followers of the Canadian teen star, at 46,510,838.

Shea Bennett of the "All Twitter" news blog noticed the change at the top on Sunday and said Perry was now likely to be the first to get to 50 million.

"Bieber has been quite ac-

tive on his profile this weekend as he's on tour in Brazil, but Perry hasn't tweeted since October 31, so expect a little more action coming her way once she gets back on the train," Bennett wrote.

"In the meantime, Justin could claw his way back, although I think the momentum is against him."

Bennett noted that Bieber took Twitter's top spot from Lady Gaga back in January, "and if history has taught us anything about placement #1 on Twitter, it's that once you've been leap-frogged by another user you never get it back again."

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"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-

most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



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demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

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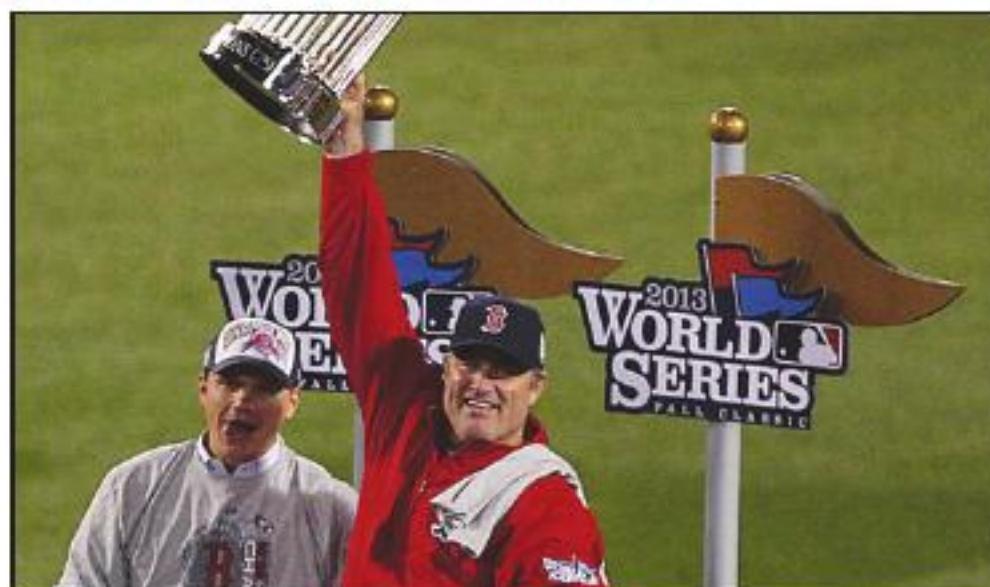
## Red Sox make qualifying offers to Ellsbury, Napoli, Drew

BOSTON - After 108 wins and a World Series title, Red Sox manager John Farrell and GM Ben Cherington would like nothing more than to get the band back together next season.

But they also know that probably won't happen.

And so, as the Sox announced yesterday that they have made \$14.1 million qualifying offers to free agents Jacoby Ellsbury, Mike Napoli and Stephen Drew, while declining on Jarrod Saltalamacchia, Cherington and Farrell looked ahead to defending the crown in 2014 by addressing several pertinent offseason issues. Among them:

--Cherington described Ellsbury as a "terrific player" and said "we know we're a better team when he's on the field than when he's not." But Ellsbury is expected to decline the qualifying offer (free agents have one week to make



**John Farrell and Ben Cherington celebrate and hoist the trophy after winning the World Series Game**

that decision) and direct agent Scott Boras to seek a multi-year deal that may well exceed \$100 million.

--If Ellsbury leaves, outfield prospect Jackie Bradley Jr. would be one candidate to replace him in center field. Another possibility: The Red Sox could move Gold Glove right fielder Shane Victorino back to center. When the Sox signed Victorino to a three-

year, \$39 million last December, they said they wanted a center field-caliber defender in right. Ideally, they would like to preserve that scenario.

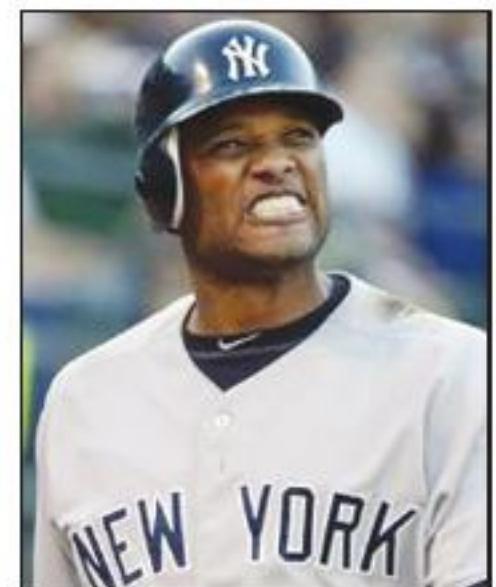
--Third baseman Will Middlebrooks had what can only be described as a disappointing sophomore season in the majors. For now, though, Cherington said the Red Sox have not strongly considered moving him to first base.

## Yankees Make Qualifying Offers to Cano, Granderson and Kuroda

NEW YORK -- The Yankees elected on Monday to extend qualifying offers to second baseman Robinson Cano, outfielder Curtis Granderson and starting pitcher Hiroki Kuroda.

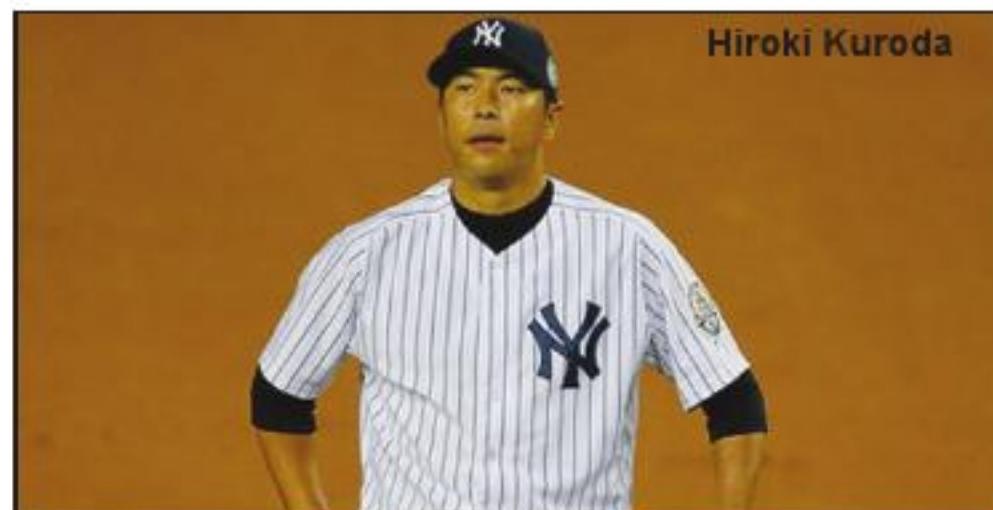
Each player will now have until 5 p.m. on Nov. 11 to either accept or decline his one-year, \$14.1 million offer.

Though Cano is expected to decline the initial offer and test the free-agent market, the qualifying offer is substantial because it sets up the Yankees to receive a compensatory pick between the first and second rounds of the 2014 First-Year Player Draft if Cano ultimately decides to decline the offer and sign elsewhere. The same applies for Granderson and Kuroda.



**Robinson Cano**

As for Granderson, the 32-year-old outfielder received a qualifying offer despite playing in just 61 games this past season. Injuries limited the



**Hiroki Kuroda**

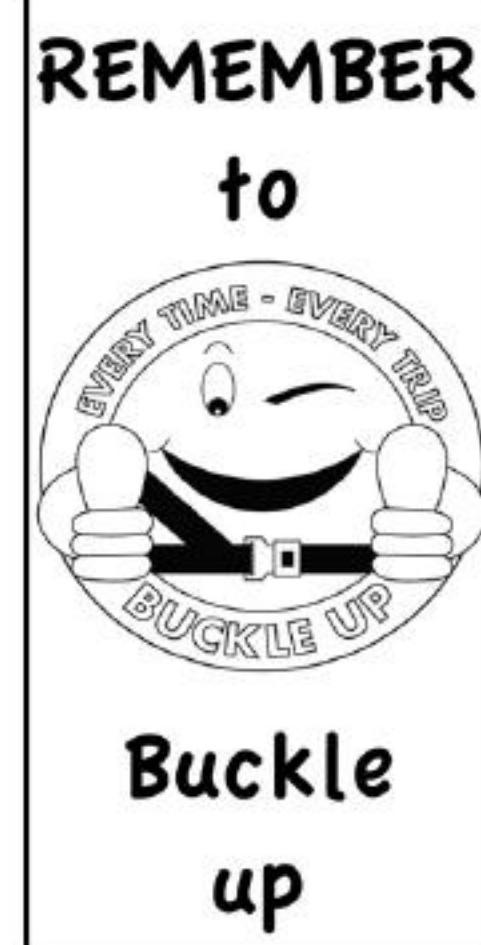
three-time All-Star throughout the summer, as he hit just .229 with seven home runs and 15 RBIs after turning in two consecutive seasons of 40-plus homers and 100-plus RBIs.

Granderson is two years removed from leading the American League with 119 RBIs in 2011, while also finishing second in the AL in home runs (41) and atop the Majors with 136 runs scored. In four seasons overall with the Yanks, Granderson is hitting .245 with 115 homers and 307 RBIs over 513 games.

Kuroda's offer would be a slight pay cut from the \$15 million he made this past season, when he went 11-13 with a 3.31 ERA. The numbers were very similar to the ones he put up in his first year with New York in 2012, when he went 16-11 with a 3.32 ERA.

Though he will turn 39 years old before next season, Kuroda has pitched at least 196 innings and notched double-digit win totals in each of the past four seasons. The right-hander has

been a model of consistency since joining the Majors after pitching 11 seasons in Japan, turning in a sub-4.00 ERA in each of his six big league seasons, while making at least 30 starts in five of those campaigns.



## Racing: McCoy on brink of 4,000 winners

When Stan Mellor became the first jump jockey to ride 1,000 winners in 1971, his feat was considered astounding.

Yet Mellor's record was subsequently broken by John Francome (1138 wins), Peter Scudamore (1678) and Richard Dunwoody (1,699).

But none has a record to compare to that of McCoy.

Assessing his prospects of making more racing history at Exeter, McCoy said Tuesday: "I wouldn't say they are good chances. Flemeson is probably the best one."

The Jonjo O'Neill-trained Flemeson bids to make it two wins from two races over fences in the opening novice hurdle at the Devon venue,



LONDON (AFP) - Tony McCoy could make history on Today by becoming the first jockey to ride 4,000 career winners over fences in Britain and Ireland.

The Northern Irishman, Britain's champion jockey over fences for a record-breaking 18 consecutive seasons, needs just two winners from three rides at Exeter, south-west England, to hit the 4,000 mark.

McCoy, 39, took his career tally to 3,998 with a double at Kempton, south-west of London, on Monday courtesy of victories for Captain Cutter and Foundation Man.

Now two more successes at Exeter, where he rode his first British winner on Chickabiddy on September 7, 1994, would see him rewrite the record books once again.

McCoy also rides Keen Eye in a similar event and Well Hello There, also trained by O'Neill -- for whom he rode his only Grand National winner on Don't Push It in 2010 -- in a handicap chase.

Although there are jockeys in major racing nations with more winners to their name, they tend to be flat-race specialists, whose careers are generally longer and who are at far less risk of injuring themselves through heavy falls than those who ride over fences such as McCoy.

## Boxing: Unbeaten Golovkin stops Stevens to keep crown



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Undefeated World Boxing Association middleweight champion Gennady Golovkin defended his title Saturday by stopping US challenger Curtis Stevens in a fight halted after eight rounds.

Referee Harvey Dock stopped the bout after Kazakhstan's Golovkin unleashed a furious flurry on the challenger that left Stevens dazed and bloody as he went to his corner after the bell.

Golovkin improved to 28-0 with his 25th early-stoppages triumph. It was the 15th fight in a row since 2008 in which Golovkin, 31, has won without needing to go the distance.

Stevens, who was knocked down by Golovkin with a hard right hook in the second round, fell to 28-4.

It was the eighth successful title defense for Golovkin, who won the title by stopping Colombian Nilson Julio Tapia in 2010.

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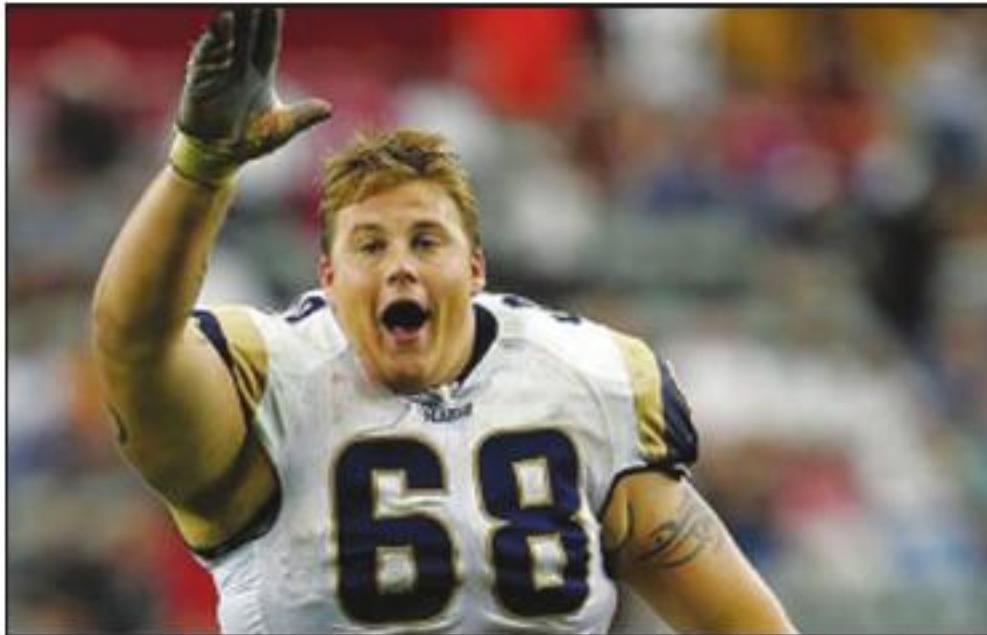
## NFL: Dolphins ban Incognito after alleged teammate harrassment

MIAMI (AFP) - Miami Dolphins offensive guard Richie Incognito has been suspended indefinitely by the National Football League team as the club asked the league to look into his alleged harrassment of teammate Jonathan Martin.

ESPN reported that Incognito sent Martin, an offensive tackle, a voice message last April with a racist slur as well as threats to kill him, slap his mother and defecate in his mouth. The report says such statements were made multiple times and not isolated incidents.

Martin left the Dolphins last week to seek treatment for an emotional issue after being the victim of a prank in the team lunchroom.

In the meantime, the Dolphins (4-4) banned Incognito,



who had been on the team's leadership council.

"We believe in maintaining a culture of respect for one another and as a result we believe this decision is in the best interest of the organization at this time."

"We reached out to the NFL to conduct an objective and thorough review. We will continue to work with the league on this matter."

Martin had played Miami's first six games at left tackle, protecting the quarterback's blind side, before being shifted to right tackle after the Dolphins obtained Bryant McKinney earlier this month.

Incognito has a history of getting into trouble, being sus-

pended at the University of Nebraska for violating team rules, dismissed by the University of Oregon team after switching schools, being voted the "NFL's Dirtiest Player" in a 2009 player poll by the Sporting News and being cut by the St. Louis Rams after two personal fouls in a 2009 game and arguing with coach Steve Spagnuolo.

In 2011, Oakland defensive lineman Richard Seymour was fined \$30,000 for punching Incognito during a game and in August this year, Houston defensive lineman Antonio Smith incurred a one-game suspension for swinging his helmet at Incognito during a pre-season matchup.



MIAMI (AFP) - A Florida jury convicted 23-year-old Eric Rivera on Monday in the shooting death of former Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor during a failed robbery six years ago. Rivera, who was 17 at the time of the shooting, was convicted of second-degree murder and armed burglary with assault. He faces a possible sentence of life in prison, but the death penalty is not an option because he was a teenager at the time of the crime.

## NBA: Westbrook makes triumphant return for Thunder



OKLAHOMA CITY (AFP) - Russell Westbrook, who missed the entire pre-season and Oklahoma City's first two games of the NBA campaign, scored 21 points in his return Sunday to spark the Thunder over Phoenix 103-96.

Westbrook tore the meniscus in his right knee in the second game of last year's first-round playoff series between the Thunder and Houston.

The star guard underwent two operations to repair the damage and was expected to miss between four and six weeks of the regular season before team doctors cleared him to make his return against the visiting Suns.

Westbrook went 11-of-14 from the free throw line and passed out seven assists. He made four free throws in the last seconds to clinch Oklahoma City's victory.

Thunder star Kevin Durant scored a game-high 33 points and pulled down 10 rebounds while Reggie Jackson, who started in place of Westbrook in the first two games, came off the bench to contribute 10 points and five assists.

Phoenix lost for the first time in three games and saw point guard Goran Dragic suffer a sprained ankle early in the second half.

Eric Bledsoe scored 26

points and passed off a career-high 14 assists for the Suns, who also had 21 points from Gerald Green and 19 from Channing Frye.

Durant sparked a 17-6 run that gave the Thunder a 90-85 lead. Green pulled Phoenix within 97-95 with a late 3-pointer but Westbrook sealed the triumph from the line.

A loose stitch last month had caused swelling and a setback in Westbrook's recovery but he appeared to have the speed and explosiveness that made him a threat in past seasons.

Westbrook, selected fourth overall by the Thunder in the 2008 NBA Draft, averaged 23.2 points, 5.2 rebounds and 7.4 assists a game last season.



## Athletics: Bolt, Bondarenko, Farah battle for IAAF award

PARIS (AFP) - World and Olympic champions Usain Bolt of Jamaica and Mohamed Farah of Britain have been named along with Ukrainian high jumper Bohdan Bondarenko as the three men's finalists for the IAAF 2013 World Athlete of the Year Award.

All three starred at this year's World Athletics Championships in Moscow where the Jamaican won gold in the 100 and 200 metres, Farah clinched a rare 5,000-10,000 metres double and Bondarenko took gold in the high jump.

Bolt will be bidding for a fifth IAAF Athlete of the Year Award after 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012.

The winners will be announced by the IAAF at a ceremony on November 16.

## Tennis: Nadal wants ATP to change surfaces for Tour Finals

LONDON (AFP) - Rafael Nadal has called on ATP chiefs to be fairer to their star players by providing a different surface each year for their flagship World Tour Finals.

World number one Nadal is unhappy that the prestigious season-ending event has been staged indoors on hard courts for the last nine years, with the tournament held in Shanghai and then at London's O2 Arena since 2009.

The Spaniard believes that is unfair to players who don't thrive indoors but have already proved the class by qualifying for the eight-man competition by succeeding on a variety of surfaces throughout the year.

Nadal insists he has no problems with the standard of the facilities in London or the quality of the tournament as a whole.

Still, it clearly grates on him that he has never won the Tour Finals, reaching the final just once in 2010 when he was defeated by six-time champion Roger Federer, whose game is far more suited to the quicker indoor conditions.

Given that the Tour Finals has been staged on either hard courts or carpet for all but one of its 43 editions, Nadal's wish may never be granted.

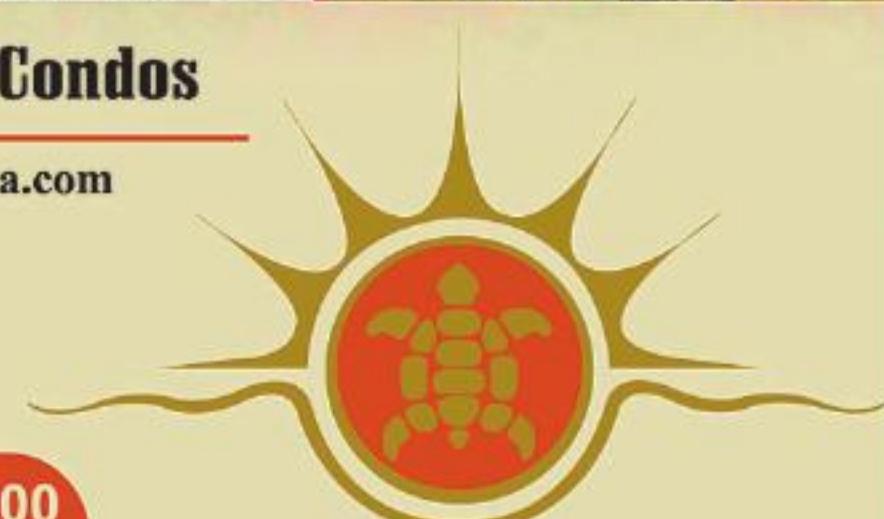
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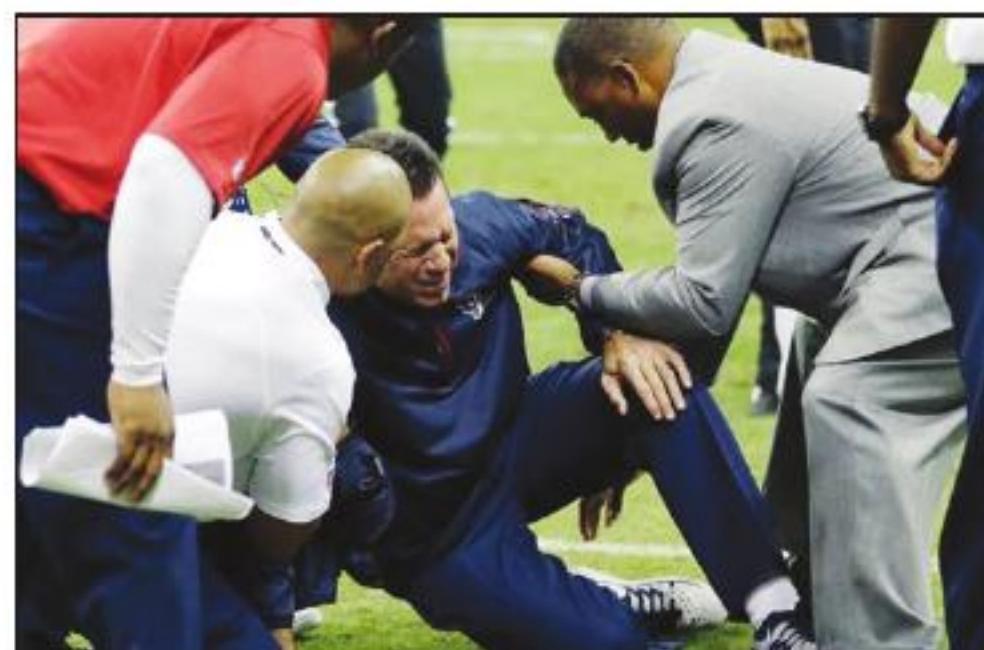
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## NFL: Texans coach Kubiak collapses at halftime of game

HOUSTON (AFP) - Houston Texans coach Gary Kubiak collapsed at halftime of his team's National Football League home game Sunday against Indianapolis and was taken to a nearby hospital.

The 52-year-old coach fell to the ground in pain near the 20-yard line on the Texans' sideline as he was walking off the field after Houston had taken a 21-3 halftime lead over the Colts.

Kubiak attempted to sit up, but was unable to stay up.



right. He was taken off the field and into the locker room on a stretcher before leaving the stadium in an ambulance.

Wade Phillips, a former NFL coach now serving as the Texans' defensive coordinator, assumed the coaching duties in Kubiak's absence.

NFL game telecaster NBC reported that Phillips said the hospital trip was a precautionary move and that Kubiak's heart rate and pulse were both fine.